



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

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April 29, 2014

BEN LOMBARD, TREASURER
MAINE REPUBLICAN PARTY
9 HIGGINS STREET
AUGUSTA, ME 04330

Response Due Date
06/03/2014

IDENTIFICATION NUMBER: C00003111

REFERENCE: YEAR-END REPORT (12/01/2013 - 12/31/2013)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report referenced above. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. **Failure to adequately respond by the response date noted above could result in an audit or enforcement action.** Additional information is needed for the following 5 item(s):

1. Your report discloses debts with outstanding beginning balances that do not equal the corresponding closing balances of your previous report (see attached). These amounts should be the same. Please correct these discrepancies and file an amendment to your report(s). (2 U.S.C. § 434(b)(8) and 11 CFR § 104.11)
2. Commission Regulations require the continuous reporting of all outstanding debts. This report omits debts itemized on your previous report(s). Please file an amendment to your report to disclose the current status of these omitted debts: "Mr. Richard Cebra" and "Treasurer State Of Maine." (11 CFR §§ 104.3(d) and 104.11)
3. Schedule H4 of your report discloses reimbursements to individuals for "Rembursement." Please be advised that when itemizing reimbursements to individuals for goods or services, payment to the original vendors must be itemized as memo entries regardless of amount. Each memo entry must include the name and address of the original vendor, as well as the date, amount and purpose of the original purchase must be provided. Please amend your report to include the missing information and clearly identify on the Schedule H4, which reimbursement each memo entry relates to. (11 CFR §§104.10 and 104.17, and Advisory Opinions 1992-1 and 1996-20, footnote 3)

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4. Schedule H4 discloses reimbursements to "Richard Bennett" totaling \$4,810.61. However, the sum of the memo entries provided identifying the original vendors associated with this payment total \$5,069.08. Please amend your report to clarify this discrepancy.

5. Please clarify all expenditures made for "DM Fundraising" and "Dinner Event Fee" on Schedule H4. If a portion or all of these expenditures were made on behalf of specifically identified federal candidates, this amount should be disclosed on Schedules B, E or F supporting Lines 23, 24 or 25 and include the amount, name, address and office sought by each candidate. (11 CFR § 104.3(b) and 106.1)

Alternatively, if the payment(s) on Schedule H4 is associated with fundraising activity conducted for your committee's federal and non-federal accounts, it must be allocated according to the funds received method and the ratio reflected on Schedule H2. Further, it must be categorized as a fundraising activity on Schedule H4. Please provide clarifying information regarding the nature of this transaction(s) and amend your report(s) as appropriate.


Please note, you will not receive an additional notice from the Commission on this matter. Adequate responses must be received by the Commission on or before the due date noted above to be taken into consideration in determining whether audit action will be initiated. Failure to comply with the provisions of the Act may also result in an enforcement action against the committee. Any response submitted by your committee will be placed on the public record and will be considered by the Commission prior to taking enforcement action. **Requests for extensions of time in which to respond will not be considered.**

Electronic filers must file amendments (to include statements, designations and reports) in an electronic format and must submit an amended report in its entirety, rather than just those portions of the report that are being amended. If you should have any questions regarding this matter or wish to verify the adequacy of your response, please contact me on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 (at the prompt press 5 to reach the Reports Analysis Division) or my local number (202) 694-1143.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kaitlin Eger". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "K" and a distinct "E".

Kaitlin Eger
Sr. Campaign Finance & Reviewing Analyst
Reports Analysis Division

Debts with Balance Discrepancies
Maine Republican Party (C00003111)

Name	Closing Balance 2013 December Monthly Report (11/1/13-11/30/13)	Opening Balance 2013 Year End Report (12/1/13-12/31/13)
Mr. Richard Cebra	\$2,719.65	\$6,940.95
Verizon Wireless	\$950.58	\$969.79